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SUBJ: RECENT PORTUGUESE AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN PORTUGUESE
GUINEA

1. IN LAST TWO WEEKS PORTUGAL MAY HAVE LOST AS MANY AS FIVE AIRCRAFT IN GUINEA: (A) GOP MILITARY HEADQUARTERS BISSAU REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 25 A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT CRASHED DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE PROVINCE; PILOT PARACHUTED TO SAFETY. (B) ON MARCH 29 A G-91 JET WAS DESTROYED BY A GROUND- AIR MISSILE ALSO IN SOUTHERN PART OF PROVINCE (DAO MESSAGE 156, 301700 Z MAR 73), ACCORDING TO GOP HQ BISSAU. PILOT WAS KILLED. (C) PRESS REPORTS DORNIER 27 CRASHED APRIL 6 WHILE EVACUATING CIVILIANS FROM NORTHERN PART OF PROVINCE. (D) A T-6, SENT TO ASSIST DOWNED DORNIER, REPORTED BY PRESS ALSO SHOT DOWN BY GROUND- AIR MISSILE APRIL 8. (E) APRIL 10 PRESS NOTES SECOND DORNIER REPORTED MISSING BY BISSAU HQ.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE PORTUGAL HAS LOST ABOUT TEN AIRCRAFT IN GUINEA OVER PAST THREE YEARS. ADMISSION THAT G-91
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AND T-6 DESTROYED BY MISSILES AND SPATE OF REPORTS ON
OTHER LOSSES MAY INDICATE PAIGC HAS NOW ACQUIRED SIGNIFICANT
ANTI- AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY, BASED ON NEW WEAPONRY AND/ OR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE BY THIRD PARTIES TO PAIGC GUNNERS.

POST

T SCHNEIDER WOULD
RETURN TO US AND REMAIN HERE FOR TWO WEEKS FOR PURPOSE
OF HANDING OVER HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS
COMPLETING PERSONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPARTURE. ROGERS

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